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IN THE CLAIMS

Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An open roof structure for opening and closing a roof of a vehicle with a rear shelf portion formed at a rear rail portion on the upper end of a rear windshield, comprising:

a pair of link members supported at lower ends therof on a vehicle body at positions on the rear shelf portion, that support the roof such that the roof is movable forward and backward relative to a vehicle body, the link members being provided in spaced relation in a width direction of the vehicle body;

a bracket attached to the rear shelf portion of the vehicle, rotatably supporting the lower end of each link member, the link members having upper ends thereof rotatably supported on an underside of the roof such that the link members are rotatable forward and backward relative to the vehicle body; and

a link rod that connects the link members such that the link members rotate with rotation of the link rod.

2. (Currently Amended) An open roof structure for opening and closing a roof of a vehicle with a rear shelf portion formed at a rear rail portion on the upper end of a rear windshield, comprising:

a pair of first link members supported at lower ends thereof on a vehicle body at positions on the rear shelf portion on a rear portion of a roof mount section,

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spaced in a width direction of the vehicle body, such that the first link members are rotatable forward and backward relative to the vehicle body;

a first bracket attached to the rear shelf portion of the vehicle, rotatably supporting the lower end of said first link members;

a pair of second link members supported at lower ends thereof on a vehicle body at positions on the rear shelf portion on a rear portion of a roof mount section, spaced in the width direction of the vehicle body, such that the second link members are rotatable forward and backward relative to the vehicle body;

a second bracket attached to the rear shelf portion of the vehicle, rotatably supporting the lower end of said second link members; and

the first link members and the second link members having upper ends thereof rotatably supported on an underside of the roof at corresponding positions; and

a link rod connecting one of the pairs of the first link members and the second link members such that the pair of the first or second link members connected by the link rod rotate with rotation of the link rod;

- 3. (Original) The open roof structure according to claim 2, further comprising a motor that reverseably rotationally drives the link rod.
- 4. (New) An open roof structure for opening and closing a roof of a vehicle with a rear shelf portion formed at a rear rail portion on the upper end of a rear windshield, comprising:

a pair of first link members supported at lower ends thereof on a vehicle body at positions on the rear shelf portion, spaced in a width direction of the vehicle body, such

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that the first link members are rotatable forward and backward relative to the vehicle body;

a pair of second link members supported at lower ends thereof on a vehicle body at positions on the rear shelf portion, spaced in the width direction of the vehicle body, such that the second link members are rotatable forward and backward relative to the vehicle body, the first link members and the second link members having upper ends thereof rotatably supported on an underside of the roof at corresponding positions; and

at least one link rod that connects either one of the pairs of the first link members and the second link members such that the pair of the first or second link members connected by the link rod rotate with rotation of the link rod;

wherein either one of the pairs of the first link members and the second link members are laterally offset of the other pair of link members,

wherein, the lower end of each first and second link member is rotatably supported by a bracket attached to the rear shelf portion of the vehicle; and

wherein, the upper end of each first and second link member is rotatably supported by a bracket attached to the underside of the roof.